not whether the income from any office is more than the expenditure, but whether the office has sufficient work, and whether any serious public inconvenience will be caused by its abolition.

Construction of a bridge at Tottapalli.

234. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the construction of a bridge at Tottapalli has begun;

(*b*) if it is not begun, the reasons for the delay in starting the construction of the bridge; and

(*c*) whether the bridge is arranged to be constructed directly by the Public Works Department or by some engineering firm as in the case of the Neendakara bridge?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The provision made for the work is proposed to be utilised by Government on other more urgent new expenditure.

(*c*) This is not decided.

Statement of appointments made by Mrs. D. M. Philipose, Assistant Inspectress of Vernacular Schools.

235. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of appointments made since the beginning of the year 1106, with special reference to the communities to which the applicants belong, in the Vernacular Schools for girls at the instance of Mrs. D. M. Philipose, Assistant Inspectress of Girls' Schools; and

(*b*) the number of applicants from non-Christian communities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*)	(1) Nayars	...	27
	(2) Ezhavas	...	9
	(3) Other Hindus	...	2
	(4) Christians	...	37
	Total	...	75

(*b*) 123.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know the number of applications from Christians?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has not been asked in the question and the information is not, therefore, now before me.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know whether, out of the 123 non-Christian applicants, only 38 were appointed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Statistics re small-pox in 1107.

236. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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[Mr. K. P. Madhavan Pillai.]

(*a*) the number of attacks of small-pox in the State from the beginning of 1107 ;

(*b*) the number of casualties from small-pox since the beginning of the year 1107 ;

(*c*) the measures taken by the Government to prevent the spread of the epidemic except the usual course of vaccination ; and

(*d*) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government for the prevention of epidemics ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 4,809 up to the 21st Meenam 1107.

(*b*) 1,285 deaths up to the 21st Meenam 1107.

(*c*) In addition to the extensive vaccination campaigns, measures such as disinfection of infected materials and surroundings and the segregation of patients are adopted wherever possible. The importance of proper nursing of patients and segregating them in their own houses and the advantages of vaccination are emphasised by Sanitary Circle Officers in lectures, talks and pamphlets. Temporary rules under the Epidemic Diseases Regulation have been passed for enforcing vaccination in rural areas.

(*d*) Rs. 450, approximately, by the Sanitary Department in regard to small-pox.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Are the Government satisfied that an expenditure of Rs. 450/- by the Sanitary Department would meet the requirements in view of the large number of attacks by small-pox ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : That is the expenditure incurred by the Sanitary Department.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Has any other Department incurred any expenditure on this behalf ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Vaccination and other methods of prevention have, as usual, been done by the permanent staff.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Do not the Government realise that the amount they set apart for this purpose is too small to meet the requirements of the situation ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If more money is needed, Government would only be too glad to spend it.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Which is the taluk that has suffered the greatest number of deaths due to small-pox ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information ; I claim notice.

Books in the Trivandrum Public Library.

237. **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state books of what all languages are there in the Public Library ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Books in the English, Malayalam, Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu, Hindustani and Arabic languages are in stock in the Public Library.

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